

young lawyers

State Bar YLD to Host Rocky Mountain AOP

The American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division affiliates in Arizona will be hosting the Rocky Mountain Affiliate Outreach Project on March 10 & 11 in Tempe. The conference will feature a series of 30-minute presentations on various public and member service programs sponsored by Young Lawyers Divisions throughout the Rocky Mountain region. The conference is being held at the Marriott hotel in downtown Tempe. All young lawyers are invited to attend. For more information, call Joe Kanefield at (602) 542-8392 or Jennifer Hunter at (602) 542-8192.

Make a Difference With the Volunteer Lawyers Program

The State Bar Young Lawyers Division strongly encourages all young lawyers to become involved in the Volunteer Lawyers Program, a non-profit agency sponsored by Community Legal Services and the Maricopa County Bar Association. The Volunteer Lawyers Program provides training in specialty areas of law, including tenants' rights and will preparation, and VLP attorneys receive assistance from volunteer court reporters, private investigators, property appraisers and psychologists. In addition, the Volunteer Lawyers Program provides primary malpractice insurance coverage for participating attorneys. Best of all, by accepting case referrals or participating in the VLP's legal clinics, attorneys can earn discount coupons for Continuing Legal Education seminars sponsored by the Maricopa County Bar Association. For more information about the Volunteer Lawyers Program, please call (602) 258-3434, ext. 248.

Modest Means Program Needs Volunteers

The State Bar Young Lawyers Division is seeking lawyers of all ages and experience levels to volunteer with the Modest Means Project. The Project offers legal advice to individuals who make too much money to qualify for free legal assistance, but not enough to afford an attorney.

The volunteer lawyers provided help on a wide range of issues, including domestic relations matters, landlord-tenant issues, will and probate issues, guardianship matters and consumer issues. The key to the success of the Modest Means Project is its very important volunteers. "We would like everyone to know how much we appreciate their help and what a difference they make in our community," says Joe Kanefield, Chair of the Modest Means Project in Phoenix. For more information or to volunteer for the Modest Means Project, please call Kristin Schultz at (602) 506-3411.

Thank You

The Maricopa County Bar Association YLD would like to sincerely thank all who attended the 2000 Barristers Ball at Radisson Resort in Scottsdale. The Ball was a huge success, as usual, and all proceeds from the silent auction benefitted the Southwest Human Development Healthy Families Program and the City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center.

Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award

The Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Arizona is accepting nominations for the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Award. The award was created as a means to recognize a young lawyer who has demonstrated exemplary volunteer or professional service to the Bar and the Community. This is a most prestigious award, being the only award presented by the Young Lawyers Division on a yearly basis. The recipient will be recognized at the State Bar Convention in June 1999.

General Qualifications

- Must be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Arizona;
- Must be a member of the Young Lawyers Division (i.e., under 36 years of age, or has practiced less than five years as of April 14, 2000);
- May not sit as a voting member of the Young Lawyers Executive Council during any part of the Executive Council term in which the award is given.

Special Qualifications

- Is an outstanding volunteer or contributes professional efforts in law-related service to the legal profession or community;
- Demonstrates independence and initiative in developing and administering service programs; and
- Promotes positive public perception of lawyers as a whole and young lawyers in particular.

Please consider the above criteria and nominate a colleague for the Young Lawyers Division Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. Nominations should be submitted no later than **April 14, 2000** to Joe Kanefield, President, Young Lawyers Division, Assistant Attorney General, 1275 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.